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## FILTERING UNSOLICITED EMAIL

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10           An email service provider includes a port receiving and transmitting email, and a server. The server selectively creates a dynamic address as the sending address associated with email transmitted to a target address, with the dynamic address being anonymously associated with the first user address. The server may further selectively forward email addressed to the dynamic address to the first user address, by forwarding mail to the dynamic address only when it is from the target address, and/or by forwarding only a selected amount of mail to the dynamic address and/or for only a selected period of time. The server may also include a tag in the dynamic address associated with the target address, and add the tag to text of received email addressed to the dynamic address.

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